GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF PILGRIMAGE PLACES AS TOURIST PLACES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide Pandarpur - `Vithal`, Barshi `Bhagwant`, Sholapur and Tulja Bhavani mata ji Usmanabad pilgrimages in Maharashtra the status of tourist places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the same is likely to be done; and

(d) the names of pilgrimages which are already enjoying such status?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b) : At present there is no practice of granting any place the status of a tourist place by the Department of Tourism, Government of India. However, Pandarpur has been identified for development as a Tourist Destination during the current financial year i.e. 2003-04.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Does not arise.